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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on July 26, 2005 and a telephone call from Examiner Savage inviting the applicant to amend the claims, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.